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               NEW MARKETS TAX CREDITS PROGRAM
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   PRESENT:
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   Andrew Mooney, Chairman
12 Alex Holt
   Carrie Austin
13 Tom Tunney
   Rafael Leon
14 Aarti Kotak
   Mitch Holzrichter
15 Tony Smith
   James Simmons
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- 1 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Why don't we start with the
- 2 parts of the agenda that don't require a vote, and
- 3 Alex Holt is going to be here in a couple of
- 4 minutes, and then go to matters that require a
- 5 quorum, if that's all right.
- 6 MR. SMITH: Sure.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: So why don't we go around
- 8 the room and introduce everyone for the sake of the
- 9 record. I'm Andy Mooney, President of the Board,
- 10 and a Commissioner here at the Department.
- 11 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Alderman Carrie Austin,
- 12 Alderman, 34th Ward.
- 13 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: Tom Tunney, Alderman of the
- 14 44th Ward.
- 15 MR. SMITH: Tony Smith with S.B. Friedman &
- 16 Company, consultant to Chicago Development Fund.
- 17 MS. KOTAK: Aarti Kotak with DPD.
- 18 MR. SIMMONS: I'm James Simmons, also with
- 19 S.B. Friedman.
- MR. DESAI: Kant Desai, City Treasurer's
- 21 Office.
- MR. ALDER: Gerry Alder, City Treasurer's
- 23 Office.
- MR. HOLZRICHTER: Mitch Holzrichter, with

- 1 Mayer Brown. We're attorneys for CDF.
- 2 MR. LEON: Rafael Leon representing the
- 3 Advisory Board.
- 4 MS. SANCHEZ: Tracy Sanchez, DPD.
- 5 MR. WILSON: Joseph Wilson, Chief of Staff
- 6 for Chairman Austin.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Great. So let's go to item
- 8 No. 4. As I said, we'll come back to the other
- 9 items once Alex comes.
- Tony, do you want to start off with
- 11 the annual report, which I think is in everyone's
- 12 packet.
- MR. SMITH: Actually, that is an action item,
- 14 so can we skip that one?
- 15 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: To No. 5?
- 16 MR. SMITH: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Okay.
- 18 MR. SMITH: So this is -- so the Annual
- 19 Report, which you'll hear about after we have a
- 20 quorum, is a product that should be familiar --
- 21 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: So this is the five-year
- 22 impact (indicating).
- MR. SMITH: Yes, that's right. And your
- 24 report should be a familiar product to the

- 1 Governing Board. That's something that is
- 2 considered each year in the Annual Meeting which
- 3 this will be, but the Five-Year Community Impact
- 4 Summary is a new document.
- 5 The impetus for this is really two
- 6 things: One, that CDF's been originating New
- 7 Markets financing now for five years starting in
- 8 2008 through the end of 2013. And so it's a
- 9 massive, considerable portfolio of high impact
- 10 transactions and so there's an ability to sort
- 11 of step back and look at the impacts more
- 12 systematically and longitudinally around the city.
- 13 And then also this is in response
- 14 to some desire on the part of DPD as well as U.S.
- 15 Treasury to sort of look at the impacts more
- 16 holistically and over time as well.
- 17 So you have the full report in your
- 18 packets, but I can just hit some quick highlights
- 19 here since there's no action item specifically on
- 20 this document.
- 21 So in terms of job creation, this is
- 22 only counting the transactions that closed through
- 23 the end of 2013 and have actually been completed
- 24 and opened, the permanent job count now sits at

- 1 about 1470 total jobs. 85 percent of those are
- 2 full-time positions. And the full-time positions
- 3 average above the \$50,000 -- or about a \$50,000 a
- 4 year annual wage. 98 percent of those positions
- 5 offer comprehensive benefits, including health care
- 6 and retirement.
- 7 We also mapped locations of those
- 8 projects that are creating these jobs relative to
- 9 the unemployment rate in the surrounding zip code,
- 10 and so every project that CDF has financed to date
- 11 falls into a portion of the city that has an above
- 12 average unemployment rate as compared to the
- 13 national figure.
- 14 So the areas that are shaded here
- 15 range from one to one and a half times the national
- 16 rate all the way to over two times the national
- 17 rate.
- In terms of the health care impacts
- 19 at this point CDF has financed six projects that
- 20 have a health care component. Five of them are
- 21 community health clinics that fall under the
- 22 designation of --
- 23 (Enter Alex Holt.)
- 24 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Recognize that --

- 1 MR. SMITH: Do we need to formally open the
- 2 meeting, Mitch?
- 3 MR. HOLZRICHTER: No, we now have a quorum.
- 4 MS. HOLT: Apologies for being late.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: We're going over the
- 6 Five-Year Community Impact Report.
- 7 MR. SMITH: So five of these six health care
- 8 projects are for organizations that meet the
- 9 definition of FQHC, Federally Qualified Health
- 10 Center, which is a federal designation, and then
- 11 the other facility is a so-called FQHC look-alike.
- 12 What this designation means is that
- 13 the organization has to serve any patient that
- 14 walks in the door regardless of insurance status,
- 15 ability to pay, or any other characteristic of the
- 16 patient.
- 17 And so in order to -- if you're
- 18 certified as an FQHC, that makes you eligible for
- 19 annual operating grants from the Health Resources
- 20 and Services Administration or HRSA, which is a
- 21 division of HHS that administers these particular
- 22 community clinics.
- 23 FOHC look-alike facilities are in a
- 24 transition mode where they're trying to become

- 1 funded FQHCs, but in the meantime they have to
- 2 behave as if they were a fully certified FQHC so
- 3 they're still taking in anybody that walks in the
- 4 door.
- 5 So consequently FQHCs provide a lot
- 6 of primary care services. A lot of Medicaid
- 7 patients and uninsured patients make up their
- 8 typical payer mix. You also see some FQHCs around
- 9 the city that have a high undocumented population
- 10 as well within their patient mix.
- 11 And so consequently this is an
- 12 important part of the city's health care strategy.
- 13 In fact, the Healthy Chicago Report set out a
- 14 ten-year goal of increasing FQHC capacity from 2010
- 15 to 2020. I'm happy to say that CDF's financed
- 16 transactions represent 27 percent of the progress
- 17 against that goal that was set forth starting in
- 18 2010.
- 19 So a significant impact when it
- 20 starts to add all together.
- 21 Collectively these facilities will
- 22 serve 100,000 plus patients per year. And so
- 23 typically those patients are going to visit the
- 24 facility two and a half to three times on average

- 1 per year. So the 100,000 is the number of
- 2 individuals.
- Jumping to education, so CDF
- 4 financed four high school projects to date. And so
- 5 in each case, there was kind of an education plus
- 6 kind of component, I would characterize it.
- 7 So in each case, a secondary high
- 8 school facility, three of them are charters, one is
- 9 a private parochial school, each has sort of an
- 10 economic development and/or a holistic community
- 11 development focus or setting around it as well.
- 12 So Instituto Health Sciences Career
- 13 Academy, for example, has a curriculum that's
- 14 organized around not just the standard college prep
- 15 education but also supplementing with health care
- 16 related certifications that the students want.
- 17 So they can graduate with an LPN, a nursing
- 18 certificate with your high school degree, or a
- 19 medical coding certificate.
- 20 And a lot of the curriculum is
- 21 focused around applied examples, and they partner
- 22 with area health care organizations to foster
- 23 internships for their students as well.
- 24 So DRW College Prep -- that's

- 1 actually a renaming of the Homan Square Powerhouse
- 2 facility that's in our Noble Network of Charter
- 3 Schools campus in North Lawndale -- that's a
- 4 major anchor facility within the Homan Square
- 5 redevelopment, which is a \$250 plus million
- 6 decades-long redevelopment of the former Sears
- 7 campus in North Lawndale.
- 8 Gary Comer College Prep is another
- 9 Noble campus that is part of the redevelopment
- 10 effort in the Revere neighborhood that's part of
- 11 Greater Grand Crossing. So the Gary Comer
- 12 Foundation, that's the founder of Lands' End that's
- 13 put significant philanthropic dollars into housing
- 14 and education and youth enrichment, including the
- 15 Gary Comer Youth Center right in a concentrated
- 16 area there.
- 17 And then the Christ the King
- 18 facility in Austin neighborhood has an innovative
- 19 program called Cristo Rey that involves the
- 20 students doing an internship for one day a week
- 21 throughout their educational time at the school so
- 22 they get placed with employers around the Chicago
- 23 region to get exposure to the workplace environment
- 24 to define mentoring relationships, and then that

- 1 also generates a subsidy that helps the school
- 2 significantly write down the students' tuition
- 3 based on their ability to pay.
- 4 Jumping to Sustainability impacts,
- 5 so CDF has financed a significant portfolio of
- 6 LEED-certified buildings at this point, including
- 7 three Platinum and three Gold facilities that's
- 8 helping Chicago retain its place as the national
- 9 leader in LEED-certified structures. That includes
- 10 100,000 square feet-plus of green roof area.
- 11 And then also a couple of
- 12 particularly noteworthy projects. Testa Produce
- 13 in the Stockyards closed back in 2010. That was a
- 14 freestanding wind turbine full production scale, so
- 15 240 feet, the first time the City had ever gone
- 16 through the regulatory process to determine how to
- 17 zone and permit for these types of facilities, and
- 18 that's a major accomplishment on the part of the
- 19 City that's helping to pave the way for the Method
- 20 facility that's going to be constructed down in
- 21 Pullman. And Testa was also the first LEED
- 22 Platinum food distribution facility in the country.
- 23 And then more recently in 2013 CDF
- 24 did a renewable energy focus deal called ACE,

- 1 Affordable Community Energy, that did a solar and
- 2 combined heat and power retrofit to existing
- 3 housing properties as a strategy to reduce the
- 4 energy bills, enhance the viability of those
- 5 properties for long-term sustained affordability
- 6 and also help encourage the residents to start
- 7 engaging in energy conserving behavior.
- 8 So that's what we have, sort of
- 9 highlights from the Five-Year Report, but certainly
- 10 if there's any other questions or comments on the
- 11 report, I would be happy to take those.
- 12 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Carrie?
- 13 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: What facility you said was
- 14 about to be done in Pullman?
- 15 MR. SMITH: The Method Manufacturing facility
- 16 that's currently I think in the early stages of
- 17 construction, so reportedly they are also going to
- 18 have a freestanding wind turbine, similar scale to
- 19 Testa Produce, and they apparently hired the same
- 20 design-build firm that built Testa. So there's
- 21 definitely some -- you can speculate that they're
- 22 sort of following in the footsteps of that
- 23 additional project.
- 24 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Thank you.

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          CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Any other questions?
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    minutes of December -- I should recognize for the
    record Alex Holt has joined us for a quorum.
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    minutes of the December 19th meeting.
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          MS. HOLT:
                    Motion.
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          ALDERMAN TUNNEY: Second.
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          CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Moved and seconded.
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                   All in favor, say aye.
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                   Item No. 3, Board of Directors
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    Officer Election.
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                   You have before you a resolution in
    your packet that would essentially reappoint myself
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    as President and Aarti as Vice President,
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    Secretary-Treasurer, and Aarti as an Authorized
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                   Any discussion?
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Page 13 1 Is there a motion? ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Motion. 3 MS. HOLT: Second. CHAIRMAN MOONEY: All those in favor, say aye. (Chorus of ayes.) 6 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Thank you. 7 We do need to review and approve the 2013 Annual Report; is that correct? This is the 8 Annual Meeting. 9 10 MR. SMITH: Yes. 11 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Anything further, Tony? 12 MR. SMITH: No. This is very consistent with 13 past year Annual Reports, so it's basically a 14 summary of the transactions CDF engaged in in 2013, 15 cumulative summary of impacts and dollars leveraged 16 to date. 17 And that's about it. 18 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Okay. You have the annual report in your packet. Unless there are any 19 20 questions, is there a motion to approve the annual 21 report? 22 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: So move. 23 MS. HOLT: Second. 24 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Second.

Page 14 1 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: All in favor, say aye. 2 (Chorus of ayes.) 3 Okay. You want to go to the status 4 of previously approved projects? 5 MR. SMITH: Sure, yeah. 6 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: That's Item No. 6. 7 MR. SMITH: So this is a chronological overview of the transactions CDF has approved and 8 closed to date with the exception of METROsquash 9 here at the bottom, which is still in the closing 10 11 process with anticipated completion of the financing in the second quarter of 2014. 12 13 So I guess, just to reiterate, so four transactions closed in 2013: Shops & Lofts at 14 15 47, which was CDF's first grocery project at 47th 16 and Cottage; Near North Health Service Corporation, 17 which was a -- is a stand-alone health clinic, one 18 of those FOHCs I mentioned earlier, at North and Kostner; the ACE Solar, which is a scattered site 19 20 retrofit of 11 affordable housing properties 21 generally in the Humboldt Park/Logan Square area, but there's a couple that are farther south and 22 farther north than that. 23 24 And then Breakthrough Urban

- 1 Ministries, which is actually two sites very close
- 2 together in East Garfield Park, essentially a
- 3 women's center serving homeless women and their
- 4 at-risk youth, and then a family center that serves
- 5 families in the area with day care, fitness, a
- 6 fresh foods cafe, and various other social services
- 7 and training.
- 8 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: So those were all projects
- 9 that were completed in 2013, or closed --
- 10 MR. SMITH: Approved and closed, yeah, in
- 11 2013, yeah. And METROsquash was approved in late
- 12 2013, but still closing.
- MS. HOLT: Is there anything other than
- 14 METROsquash which still has to close?
- MR. SMITH: So there's one transaction on the
- 16 agenda today that's proposed, that will represent
- 17 the final slice of CDF's old allocation and then we
- 18 have an update on the hope for new allocation.
- So just a quick breakdown in
- 20 transactions by type to this point. Community
- 21 facilities are still the largest category in terms
- 22 of both dollars and number of transactions, but a
- 23 good mix between education, health care, and then
- 24 there's a couple of other types including the

- 1 Salvation Army Kroc Center, which is mainly
- 2 recreation, has a lot of other features to it as
- 3 well in the training and enrichment areas. There's
- 4 Greater West Town, which is the job training
- 5 facility. So five industrial or business expansion
- 6 projects and then one grocery anchored retail
- 7 project to date.
- 8 In terms of location -- and this map
- 9 and all those table -- the charts were also in the
- 10 Annual Report. This is an updated map of where
- 11 those projects fall within the city of Chicago.
- 12 And then as far as status updates
- 13 on the more recent transactions, everything is
- 14 complete that has closed to date except for Shops &
- 15 Lofts, ACE, and Breakthrough Urban Ministries that
- 16 are all midway through construction.
- So, as you might imagine, this
- 18 particular construction season was a tough one, so
- 19 Shops & Lofts and Breakthrough in particular were a
- 20 couple months delayed from their initial timeline.
- 21 Shops & Lofts is projected to open in the third
- 22 quarter of this year, and Breakthrough will
- 23 probably be fourth quarter of this year, and both
- 24 are proceeding decently now that the weather has

- 1 improved.
- 2 Instituto Health Sciences Career
- 3 Academy, which closed back in 2011, got the award,
- 4 second place award for Excellence in Community
- 5 Design at the 2014 CNDA, Chicago Neighborhood
- 6 Development Awards, back in February, and then
- 7 Leslie Shankman Orthogenics School at 63rd and
- 8 Ingleside in Woodlawn had its grand opening on
- 9 April 27, so all of you should have received
- 10 invites. Hopefully you did.
- 11 All right. And then in terms of
- 12 just cumulative allocation deployment for CDF, so
- 13 this graph shows the four allocations CDF has
- 14 received to date. Each round is a different color,
- 15 so it shows the cumulative deployment on this black
- 16 line that's climbing to the -- from bottom left to
- 17 top right. And then it shows each individual award
- 18 getting deployed as it's received.
- 19 And so you might notice that the
- 20 amount of time it takes CDF to deploy an award is
- 21 shrinking, and that's a response to increased
- 22 demand for the tax credit as we're kind of pulling
- 23 out of the credit crunch and the great recession,
- 24 and then also continued pressure from the U.S.

- 1 Treasury to force CDEs to get their dollars out
- 2 quickly and efficiently before they are considered
- 3 for more allocation.
- 4 So at this point as far as unused
- 5 allocation, CDF has no credits that have not been
- 6 funded by an investor.
- 7 So you might recall there was some
- 8 pre-funding activity late last year to make sure
- 9 that Treasury saw fully deployed prior allocation
- 10 for CDF. There are \$11 million of pre-funded
- 11 credits that have not been funded to a deal yet.
- 12 \$5 million of those are in the METROsquash
- 13 transaction, and then the last \$6 million are
- 14 to be considered for a transaction today.
- 15 Any questions on that section?
- 16 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Thank you.
- 17 Any questions?
- 18 MS. HOLT: No.
- 19 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: So let's go to the --
- 20 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: I have one question. On
- 21 the Shop & Lofts, can you tell me the commercial
- 22 components? Is it just Wal-Mart, or are there
- 23 other things --
- MR. SMITH: There's a couple other, they're

- 1 calling it B space, basically small in-line shop
- 2 space that is still in the process of leasing. So
- 3 I think it's 13,000 square feet I want to say of
- 4 small store space, and then the Wal-Mart takes up
- 5 about 43,000 square feet.
- 6 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: We haven't leased up any
- 7 other B space, so to speak?
- 8 MR. SMITH: I don't recall off the top of my
- 9 head if they have leases in place. I don't believe
- 10 they do.
- I think it's typical when you have
- 12 your major space spoken for and you are not
- 13 absolutely desperate to lease your space, to get
- 14 deep into construction, let people really see how
- 15 it's going to look before you sign your leases
- 16 because you'll get a better rent structure.
- 17 But we're actually going to do a
- 18 site visit mid week next week, so we can check in
- 19 on that and report back via e-mail.
- 20 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Any other questions?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 All right. Let's go to SCR Medical.
- 23 MR. SMITH: SCR Medical Transportation.
- 24 So this is the proposed use of the

- 1 \$6 million of allocation that was pre-funded in
- 2 late 2013.
- 3 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: We should mention that
- 4 we've seen this project one time earlier, correct?
- 5 MR. SMITH: That's right. Yep. So the Board
- 6 last considered this project in late 2012.
- 7 So the structure was a little bit
- 8 different, and some of the participants were
- 9 different, so we do have a comparison at the end of
- 10 this presentation to show the previously approved
- 11 transaction versus the current one.
- So the revised request for authority
- 13 is to take the \$6 million that was pre-funded at
- 14 the end of 2013 and allocate it to this transaction.
- So the project is an expansion of
- 16 an operating business's facilities. SCR is a
- 17 paratransit and medical transportation firm that's
- 18 headquartered at 88th and Greenwood in the Burnside
- 19 neighborhood.
- 20 So the scope of the project that
- 21 would be financed is a purchase and rehab of a
- 22 new building that was adjacent to their existing
- 23 headquarters, and then a light renovation of their
- 24 existing 47,000 square foot headquarters that's at

- 1 that location, and then a purchase and site prep of
- 2 a parking lot that's -- or a vacant lot that's
- 3 further to the south for parking for the company.
- 4 So three addresses, but all contiguous.
- 5 So this aerial shows a bit more
- 6 detail on how those facilities lay out. The
- 7 northernmost is 8801 South Greenwood. That's the
- 8 existing SCR headquarters. And, frankly, they have
- 9 a lot of operations going on in there: Vehicle
- 10 maintenance, call center, main administrative
- 11 offices; so it's quite cramped.
- 12 Initially back in 2012 their
- 13 proposal had been to purchase the 8849 South
- 14 Greenwood lot and build a new construction call
- 15 center. They did not at that time think they would
- 16 be able to acquire the 8835 South Greenwood
- 17 building. However, they lucked out and did get an
- 18 opportunity to buy 8835, and so they changed the
- 19 scope over the course of 2013 to involve a rehab of
- 20 that existing structure and then parking on the
- 21 southernmost lot.
- 22 So three facilities will be
- 23 contiguous under this revised project scope.
- So a bit more background on SCR.

- 1 SCR stands for Stanley C. Rakestraw, who is the
- 2 president and founder of the company, and then his
- 3 wife Pam Rakestraw is the other owner of the
- 4 company.
- 5 So you might see their vehicles
- 6 around town. They're generally a Chrysler minivan
- 7 with PACE and then also SCR on it, so they're
- 8 ubiquitous if you start looking for them, along
- 9 with the Testa Produce trucks everywhere you go.
- They're one of the three major
- 11 providers of paratransit in the Chicago region.
- 12 So those contracts run through PACE. They were
- 13 transitioned from CTA to PACE some years ago. And
- 14 so SCR's geography is the South Side and it's in
- 15 the south suburbs.
- 16 They also provide -- they have
- 17 separate clients, mainly in the health care space.
- 18 They provide transportation to the VA medical
- 19 center, a little bit to the Cook County hospitals,
- 20 and then some private medical providers.
- 21 So they get very good performance
- 22 rankings when the RTA does its periodic audits of
- 23 the paratransit contractor performance. So high
- 24 rates of early and on-time pickups and good

- 1 customer service ratings, so the best of the group
- 2 of PACE contractors.
- 3 They also provide call center
- 4 services where they're actually not -- they're
- 5 coordinating their own transportation, but then
- 6 they also coordinate on behalf of third-party
- 7 carriers, primarily in the outer suburban counties
- 8 where there's 13 additional providers that do trips
- 9 in Kendall County, Will County, Kane County.
- 10 And so they have a very
- 11 sophisticated call center operation on their site
- 12 where the call center operators are selecting who
- 13 should provide a particular trip, what routing that
- 14 provider should take, what the funding sources need
- 15 to be since there's a number of sources that are
- 16 available for people with disabilities that use
- 17 paratransit. And so that's a growing segment of
- 18 SCR's business and, frankly, is a key part of their
- 19 ability to compete and expand in the future is to
- 20 have a very strong call center infrastructure.
- 21 So they were incorporated in
- 22 1986, and at this point their fleet includes
- 23 428 vehicles, mostly Chrysler minivans, but there
- 24 are some sedans as well.

- 1 They have 915 full-time equivalent
- 2 employees. Almost all of those, actually, full-
- 3 time employees. 78 percent of those reside in
- 4 Chicago. 90 percent of those Chicago residents are
- 5 residents of low-income communities; in other
- 6 words, New Markets Tax Credit Qualified Census
- 7 Tracts.
- 8 And so SCR is actually in growth
- 9 mode. They're beginning to look at expansions
- 10 outside of Chicago, as they're pursuing some RFPs
- 11 in Washington, D.C., and New York markets in
- 12 particular. And so the investment in the call
- 13 center is a key part of their growth strategy here.
- 14 And they are also growing to some
- 15 extent the share of paratransit trips in the
- 16 Chicago region that they are providing as well.
- 17 And, frankly, the paratransit market is growing due
- 18 to an aging population, so kind of three drivers of
- 19 growth for SCR. And they provide over a million
- 20 trips annually and are running out of capacity.
- 21 The community impacts we see from
- 22 this transaction, certainly employment is the
- 23 headline story here. So 199 full-time permanent
- 24 positions, newly added, is what SCR is projecting

- 1 through stabilization of the facility. So that
- 2 would include the 119 new drivers and 34 call
- 3 center agents. A good mix in terms of wage levels
- 4 and full-time composition and accessibility of
- 5 those jobs here.
- These are jobs where you have to
- 7 have a high school diploma or a GED to qualify.
- 8 They do actually consider ex-offenders as long as
- 9 it's five years or more since the conviction.
- 10 They do provide extensive training
- 11 to their employees, so you do not have to already
- 12 have a commercial driver's license to qualify.
- 13 They spend about \$7600 in training for their new
- 14 hires, including a CDL, as well as customer service
- 15 and soft skills, essentially to deal with the
- 16 disabled population to make sure there's sensitive
- 17 handling of the riders' needs.
- 18 The expansion in paratransit is kind
- 19 of a secondary impact. We do see, you know, a
- 20 fairly disadvantaged population on average using
- 21 SCR's services, and this expansion will help them
- 22 serve that population more effectively.
- They're a minority-owned company.
- 24 They were named the Outstanding Business of the

- 1 Year by Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce in 2011,
- 2 and they themselves spend about \$2 million annually
- 3 with minority, women, and DBE-owned companies as
- 4 well.
- 5 The rehab is environmentally
- 6 sustainable. They're cleaning up a brownfield
- 7 at the 8849 site, the parking area. They do
- 8 anticipate getting LEED certification for the
- 9 8835 building.
- 10 And then also they're in the process
- 11 of overhauling their fleet to be able to use
- 12 compressed natural gas, which is a policy priority
- 13 of the City. And so they currently have 20 CNG
- 14 vehicles in their fleet, and then the enhanced
- 15 maintenance facility in the 8801 building will help
- 16 them service and accelerate that conversion to CNG
- 17 vehicles too.
- 18 Transaction details for this
- 19 iteration of the deal: So it's about a
- 20 \$10.8 million project overall, including
- 21 acquisition of the two new properties, the
- 22 renovation of the 8835 call center building, and
- 23 then the renovation of the 8801 headquarters
- 24 building.

- 1 So SCR recently switched their
- 2 banking relationship over to BMO Harris and so that
- 3 would be the senior lender in this transaction,
- 4 providing upwards of \$6 million of term debt. The
- 5 company would be putting in about \$2.8 million of
- 6 their own equity and then CDF's \$6 million of
- 7 allocation would yield just under \$2 million of tax
- 8 credit equity to round out the transaction.
- 9 The investor would be JPMorgan
- 10 Chase. They pre-funded this \$6 million of credits
- 11 at the end of 2013, and so CDF already has their
- 12 funds in hand. This will be a deployment of those
- 13 funds.
- 14 And then finally we have a quick
- 15 comparison of the previously approved transaction
- 16 from late 2012 versus the proposed new iteration of
- 17 the transaction.
- So I guess, just to run down the
- 19 list quickly, in 2012 it was not certain that SCR
- 20 was going to include the renovation of their
- 21 existing headquarters and maintenance facility at
- 22 the 8801 building in their scope. At this point
- 23 they would commit to do that as part of this
- 24 package.

- The 8835 building back in 2012 was
- 2 not part of the scope. They didn't think they
- 3 could acquire it.
- 4 So at this point that's the main
- 5 expenditure of dollars is the purchase and rehab of
- 6 that facility to be call center --
- 7 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: Can I interrupt for a
- 8 second?
- 9 MR. SMITH: Yes, please.
- 10 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: There's a number of
- 11 addresses. My question is, what was 8835 where it
- 12 wasn't going to be a parcel and it became a parcel?
- 13 So what was on that site previous?
- MR. SMITH: So that came up in the Advisory
- 15 Board meeting as well. It was the -- I believe it
- 16 was a media company. And they've gone out of
- 17 business.
- 18 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: Was there appraisal done
- 19 on 8835 prior to -- where did the 650 come from?
- 20 Because it -- just, you know, it seems like a
- 21 pretty high price for a place going out of business
- 22 and then you have the land, which is the parking,
- 23 at \$43,000?
- MR. SMITH: Yes.

- 1 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: So was there an appraisal
- 2 that warranted the 650?
- 3 MR. SMITH: I'm almost certain there was. We
- 4 can certainly --
- 5 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: I mean, when you have a
- 6 ready buyer, the prices go up, but the real
- 7 question is, you know, was this project held
- 8 hostage by -- by this? And that's just business.
- 9 MR. SMITH: Yep. We can certainly confirm
- 10 that.
- 11 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: I mean, I just -- I'm
- 12 interested in that because it seems like the
- 13 parking lot is at 8849?
- 14 MR. SMITH: Yes.
- 15 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: It's the square footage --
- 16 MR. SMITH: It's a larger lot, yeah.
- 17 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: Larger lot, 43,000.
- 18 650 for a shuttered business.
- MS. HOLT: Are they going to use the building
- 20 that's on 8835?
- 21 MR. SMITH: Yeah, they're renovating that.
- 22 So they are getting some existing value out of the
- 23 structure. But I would guess SCR was more
- 24 motivated than your average purchaser would be,

- 1 given that it sat in the middle of their campus, so
- 2 your theory has some merit, I think.
- 3 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: But just so long as
- 4 there's -- I mean, there was an appraisal on there,
- 5 so you're not overpaying. I mean, it's all part of
- 6 the debt.
- 7 MR. SMITH: Yep. We'll double-check that.
- 8 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: I'm sure the banks require
- 9 an appraisal.
- 10 MR. SMITH: Yeah. BMO is certainly requiring
- 11 an appraisal as a condition of their term loan.
- 12 I guess the question is did SCR
- 13 insist on an appraisal at the time of their
- 14 acquisition, and that's -- I apologize, I don't
- 15 know that for sure.
- Okay. So the 8849 building, so it
- 17 was the location of the new construction building,
- 18 now is acquisition and construction of a secure
- 19 parking facility.
- 20 The old project size was smaller:
- 21 7.6 million versus 10.8 now. The old allocation
- 22 approved in 2012 was actually slightly more,
- 23 \$7 million. The current deal is 6. The old
- 24 investor was Bank of America, as was the lender, so

- 1 that was their relationship bank at that time, and
- 2 then SCR has migrated to BMO, so they are the
- 3 senior lender, and JPMorgan Chase would be the tax
- 4 credit investor.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Other questions?
- 6 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: One more question.
- 7 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Go ahead.
- 8 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: So how reliable is this
- 9 PACE contract, and what percentage is it of the
- 10 business, just in case --
- 11 MR. SMITH: Sure.
- 12 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: -- they don't have the PACE
- 13 contract.
- 14 MR. SMITH: A very reasonable question. It's
- 15 about 85 percent of their business.
- 16 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: I know they're attempting
- 17 to diversify, but that's a pretty ...
- 18 MR. SMITH: Yes.
- 19 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: And what is that length of
- 20 that contract?
- 21 MR. SMITH: It's a five-year contract and it
- 22 was just renewed at the tail end of 2013.
- 23 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: That's it.
- 24 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Okay. Other questions?

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                   Rafael, anything from the Advisory
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    Board that you'd like to --
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          MR. LEON:
                     No. We approved it.
          CHAIRMAN MOONEY: You approved it.
                   All right. If there are no other
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    questions, is there a motion to approve?
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          ALDERMAN AUSTIN:
                            Move to approve.
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          ALDERMAN TUNNEY:
                            Second.
          CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Moved and seconded.
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                   All in favor, say aye.
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                   Thank you.
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                   We have two more items of business.
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                   One is a supplemental authorization
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    for METROsquash, and then we'll talk a bit about
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    the pending application.
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          MR. SMITH: Yes.
                            So METROsquash, as you
    recall, was approved at the last Board meeting, and
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    that transaction is still in the midst of closing.
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                   Really what's back on the table here
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    today is a request for a slight broadening of the
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    authority the Board gave at the last meeting to
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- 1 Markets Tax Credits to the transaction.
- 2 So what's transpired since December
- 3 2013 is that the State of Illinois suddenly
- 4 reissued a new allocation of State Tax Credits in
- 5 early March. And METROsquash has been approached
- 6 by one of the entities that received one of those
- 7 State Tax Credit allocations.
- 8 The State program has been around
- 9 since 2008. It's a piggyback program. There's
- 10 maybe 15 states at this point that have this type
- 11 of kind of piggyback State New Markets program.
- 12 The policy intent, I believe, is to
- 13 encourage more Federal New Markets investment to go
- 14 to that particular state, so it's a 39 percent
- 15 credit against state income tax liability as
- 16 compared to the 39 against Federal that the credit
- 17 that CDF has provides.
- The State program is not
- 19 competitively allocated, it's a first-come,
- 20 first-served credit, so CDF has engaged in one
- 21 transaction in the past, the Greater West Town deal
- 22 in 2009, and had the State Tax Credit layer as well.
- In that case we kind of lucked out.
- 24 There were State Tax Credits available, and the

- 1 Greater West Town deal was ready to close within
- 2 30 days of receiving an award from the State, and
- 3 so it was just able to be directly incorporated
- 4 into that transaction and CDF was the State Tax
- 5 Credit recipient.
- In this case, the way the State Tax
- 7 Credit is structured, applicants come to the State,
- 8 they pay an application fee, and then if there are
- 9 State Tax Credits available, they're just first-
- 10 come, first-served allocated, so this new batch of
- 11 State Tax Credits got very quickly allocated in
- 12 early March, and then once you receive an
- 13 allocation, you have to pre-fund it within 30 days.
- So the entities that engage in these
- 15 State Tax Credit programs is a fairly small group
- 16 of national players that pretty much do every State
- 17 Tax Credit New Markets program around the country.
- 18 They are willing and able to accommodate this
- 19 pre-funding need, and so they'll get an allocation,
- 20 take in equity from an investor, and then find
- 21 transactions within the 12 months subsequent to
- 22 deploy the credits.
- 23 So the proposal for METROsquash is
- 24 to consider adding State Tax Credits from one of

- 1 these entities. It's called Stonehenge Capital.
- 2 They're out of Columbus, Ohio. They're probably
- 3 the largest player nationally in the State Tax
- 4 Credit market.
- 5 So you can picture kind of the
- 6 typical New Markets structure is kind of a funnel.
- 7 You have the non-New Markets money and you have the
- 8 New Markets money, both flowing through the CDE, in
- 9 this case Chicago Development Fund, and then the
- 10 subsidy gets loaned to the project.
- 11 The State Tax Credit would put a
- 12 kind of secondary funnel above that where there's a
- 13 State New Markets investor, which would be U.S.
- 14 Bank in this case, and then the non-New Markets
- 15 money would flow through that structure first and
- 16 then get loaned into the top of the CDF funnel.
- 17 And so the way the initial
- 18 resolution was written late December last year,
- 19 this was obviously not contemplated, and so the
- 20 Board would need to provide us some supplemental
- 21 authority to consider this additional component
- 22 structure.
- The deal is not cooked yet,
- 24 METROsquash is not committed to Stonehenge, but

- 1 they want to do this. They're kind of exploring it.
- 2 The initial projection is half a
- 3 million to a million dollars' worth of subsidy
- 4 could be generated for METROsquash, depending on
- 5 how much State Tax Credit allocation is committed
- 6 to them.
- 7 So there do seem to be some indirect
- 8 benefits to CDF because METROsquash is a fairly new
- 9 and fairly small nonprofit and they are currently
- 10 in the midst of a major capital campaign to try to
- 11 create an endowment for this facility, so the State
- 12 Tax Credit dollars would help to stabilize that and
- 13 shore up the capital raised, and if METROsquash has
- 14 sufficient fund-raising as well, it could get
- 15 plowed into the mission.
- So CDF would not directly
- 17 financially benefit from this, but indirectly would
- 18 have a more healthy borrower and potentially see
- 19 more impacts for METROsquash because of the
- 20 increased resources.
- 21 So the request, or the resolution
- 22 that's on the table today would grant the President
- 23 and the Vice President the authority to evaluate
- 24 the State Tax Credit deal if and when it comes

- 1 together and execute any additional documents that
- 2 CDF needs to sign to make that possible.
- 3 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Okay. Without getting into
- 4 the means of the, how the money flows, because we'd
- 5 be here all day if we did that, but I think we get
- 6 the gist of it.
- 7 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: I just have a quick
- 8 question. I mean, I know we approved this. What
- 9 my concern is, and I'd just like to, if you would,
- 10 recap a couple things.
- 11 MR. SMITH: Sure.
- 12 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: What are the jobs? You
- 13 know, what is the projected membership? You know,
- 14 I know there's a classroom, but, you know, this is,
- 15 in my opinion, a lot of money to spend for eight
- 16 squash courts and some classrooms. And I'm a
- 17 squash player, it's great -- I don't think we have
- 18 a facility like this in the city, actually,
- 19 regardless, so -- but that being said, where is the
- 20 payback? You know.
- 21 MR. SMITH: Sure.
- 22 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: I know there's a health
- 23 benefit and such, but if we're going to expand
- 24 this, I'd just like to know where it stays alive

- 1 10, 15 years down the road.
- 2 MR. SMITH: So to kind of reiterate what
- 3 METROsquash does, they're one of 15 organizations
- 4 around the country that use squash as sort of a
- 5 tool for college readiness for at-risk kids. So
- 6 basically they start working with kids in the fifth
- 7 grade all the way through the end of high school.
- 8 Squash is sort of a health and
- 9 wellness component, and also it's an excuse to get
- 10 the kids onto college campuses around the country
- 11 where tournaments are held, and so that starts to
- 12 acclimate them to a college environment. They also
- 13 provide extensive tutoring and academic enrichment.
- 14 So their first class recently
- 15 graduated, I believe it was eight kids, twelve kids,
- 16 Jim?
- 17 MR. SIMMONS: Eight kids.
- 18 MR. SMITH: So 100 percent college acceptance
- 19 rate for that first class. And then obviously
- 20 METROsquash Chicago is very new, so they don't have
- 21 an ongoing collegiate graduation record to point to
- 22 yet because this is their first graduating class,
- 23 but the stats for, for example, the Boston and
- 24 Philadelphia program show significantly higher

- 1 four-year college completion rates for the
- 2 participant kids as compared to kind of the
- 3 background population.
- 4 So that's what METROsquash does.
- 5 It's -- the facility's going to be primarily
- 6 serving 350 kids, with intense after-school
- 7 enrichment and college readiness.
- 8 They will rent out the courts
- 9 primarily probably to U of C or area private high
- 10 schools when there's not a use for the main mission
- 11 component, as that's a \$50,000 a year revenue
- 12 generator for them, but just kind of incidental,
- 13 and they'll hold fund-raisers on site in this
- 14 facility instead of having to rent space elsewhere,
- 15 so they will save some money that way.
- 16 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: It's important to note that
- 17 this is part of the redevelopment of what used to
- 18 be called the Grove Park Development at 63rd and
- 19 Cottage, which was mostly torn down over the last
- 20 few years and now has a new mixed-income community
- 21 in there that's being built by a group called POAH,
- 22 Preservation of Affordable Housing. And there will
- 23 be, oh, 300 or so units that are rebuilt on site.
- 24 The idea, though, is to take the old

- 1 site and add some different elements to it,
- 2 METROsquash being one of them. So this is actually
- 3 part of a larger community development program in
- 4 that area.
- 5 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: So you're saying there's
- 6 approximately 355 users.
- 7 MR. SMITH: Yeah. The primary users are the
- 8 youth that are enrolled --
- 9 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: Right. Did I hear the
- 10 number of employees?
- 11 MS. SANCHEZ: I have 17 as the number of
- 12 full-time employees that are at the facility.
- 13 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: That's including the --
- 14 the classroom component, that's all in?
- 15 MR. SMITH: Yeah. That's the nonprofit
- 16 staff, yes. Jobs are definitely not the main
- 17 headline of this deal.
- 18 They had a fund-raiser on the
- 19 stage in Millennium Park, apparently, recently.
- 20 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: Did they?
- 21 MR. SMITH: But they created a glass squash
- 22 court and had some national, international players.
- 23 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: Well, I was a pretty good
- 24 racquetball player in the '70s and then I went to

- 1 Cornell and they played racquetball on squash
- 2 courts, so then I learned to pick up squash so, you
- 3 know, it's great. Too much information, right,
- 4 Carrie?
- 5 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Do I have a motion?
- 6 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Move.
- 7 MS. HOLT: Second.
- 8 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: You didn't let me do that
- 9 one?
- 10 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: All those in favor, say aye.
- (Chorus of ayes.)
- 12 Any opposed? I'm sorry, Rafael. I
- 13 don't know if you have --
- 14 MR. LEON: No comments.
- 15 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Okay. The last thing,
- 16 fairly quickly, Tony, on where things stand on our
- 17 pending allocation -- applications.
- 18 MR. SMITH: Sure. I wish I had more concrete
- 19 news to report. The way this program works,
- 20 though, is the Treasury is very last minute about
- 21 announcing when they're going to tell people about
- 22 the awards, and then last year they were actually
- 23 really good at keeping any leaks from coming out
- 24 until the actual awards happened. First time ever

- 1 on their part.
- 2 So we don't have any news to report,
- 3 unfortunately, other than that the rumors are
- 4 pretty consistently pointing to late May/early June
- 5 as the time frame when the awards are likely to
- 6 happen. So fingers crossed.
- 7 And certainly we think it was a
- 8 strong application. No reason to feel like we
- 9 wouldn't get funded. But it's a very competitive
- 10 program. So do you want me to comment on --
- 11 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: No, I think that's good
- 12 enough. Just a reminder that there were over
- 13 300 applications.
- MR. SMITH: Yes, 310 this year.
- MS. HOLT: What was the total amount --
- 16 MR. SMITH: The \$3 1/2 billion nationally to
- 17 be allocated, probably somewhere between 80 and
- 18 100 awardees in this round, so ...
- 19 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: So do we have any more
- 20 grocery stores in our queue?
- 21 MR. SMITH: Yeah, there's -- probably the
- 22 highest profile one is the Whole Foods at 63rd and
- 23 Halsted, which is announced but not yet financed,
- 24 and so that one is definitely on the radar. But

- 1 definitely there's a lot of interest within CDF's
- 2 kind of mission and business strategy of finding
- 3 additional ones as well.
- 4 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: How about the Dominick's
- 5 sites?
- 6 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: There's only one. The one
- 7 at 71st and Jeffrey.
- 8 We're still working hard on getting
- 9 a user in there. If we do get a user in there,
- 10 we're looking at both TIF and New Markets Tax
- 11 Credits as one way of providing some financial
- 12 support. All the other Dominick's have now been
- 13 taken in the city.
- 14 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: I was sorry to see the
- 15 Moo & Oink become a Dollar Store.
- 16 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: We're working on the
- 17 others.
- 18 Any other matters that we need to
- 19 cover?
- 20 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Besides the Whole Food, is
- 21 there anyone else, any other grocery stores in the
- 22 pipeline?
- 23 MR. SMITH: So there was -- Roseland Plaza
- 24 for a long time was in CDF's pipeline. That was an

- 1 Aldi at 115th and Michigan. It seems that Aldi is
- 2 withdrawing from that property. But there is a
- 3 developer looking at resuscitating a grocery
- 4 concept on that site, and so that would certainly
- 5 be a transaction to consider if it's coming
- 6 together at the right time.
- 7 And then, as Commissioner Mooney
- 8 mentioned, at 4848 West Madison another Moo & Oink
- 9 site was actually the same developer, although it
- 10 now may be switching to another developer, that's
- 11 looking at a way to put a small footprint grocery
- 12 there.
- So those are the ones that we know
- 14 about at this point. But certainly if there's
- 15 others that are bubbling up, we'd like to hear
- 16 about it and get them on the pipeline.
- 17 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Well, there may be some
- 18 more after several of our aldermen come from Las
- 19 Vegas next week.
- MR. SMITH: Oh, yes.
- 21 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: There may be more,
- 22 hopefully.
- 23 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: It should be clear that the
- 24 aldermen are going to the ICSC.

- 1 MS. HOLT: Yes. They are not going to gamble.
- 2 They are going to a meeting.
- 3 MR. SMITH: I guess the one other point that
- 4 came up in the Advisory Board was the suggestion
- 5 that maybe another -- it's time for another tour.
- 6 So we're happy to organize that, but wanted to take
- 7 a poll of the Governing Board to see if there's any
- 8 particular months or times in the year that you
- 9 would like us to avoid or emphasize.
- 10 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: I'd like to avoid October
- 11 and November.
- 12 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Yes. So we'll try and do
- 13 it, let's say June or July.
- MR. SMITH: Yep.
- 15 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: That will give us some
- 16 time. Okay.
- 17 Rafael, anything else from the
- 18 Advisory Board?
- 19 MR. LEON: No.
- 20 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: Is there a motion to
- 21 adjourn?
- 22 ALDERMAN TUNNEY: So move.
- 23 CHAIRMAN MOONEY: It's been moved.
- 24 All those in favor, say aye.

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